

Daily Digest

Highlights

House Committees ordered reported 14 miscellaneous measures, including the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Legislative Branch; and the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

The House passed H.R. 2862, Science, Justice, State, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6669–S6784

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1254–1267, and S. Res. 172–175. **Pages S6740–41**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–83)

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–84)

S. 1266, to permanently authorize certain provisions of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001, to reauthorize a provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, to clarify certain definitions in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to provide additional investigative tools necessary to protect the national security. (S. Rept. No. 109–85)

S. 491, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations.

S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, with amendments. **Page S6740**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Aung San Suu Kyi: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, recognizing Burmese democracy activist

and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi as a symbol of the struggle for freedom in Burma.

Pages S6768, S6780

Commending University of Michigan Softball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, commending the University of Michigan softball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship on June 8, 2005.

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Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6671–S6711

Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 141), Bingaman Amendment No. 791, to establish a renewable portfolio standard. **Pages S6673–90, S6692–93, S6700–02**

Domenici/Bingaman Amendment No. 794, to make certain improvements to the bill relative to the institution of higher education, high performance building standards, and to provide for a study of overall employment in a hydrogen economy.

Pages S6690–91, S6693–S6700, S6702–11

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 140), Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 784, to improve the energy security of the United States and reduce United States dependence on foreign oil imports by 40 percent by 2025. **Pages S6691–92**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, June 20, 2005. **Page S6782**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further

consideration of the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 20, 2005; that the time until 6 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority Leader and Democratic Leader, or their designees; and that at 6 p.m. the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote be agreed to; the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

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Former Senator Exon Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tribute statements regarding former Senator Exon be printed as a Senate document provided that Senators have until the close of business on June 30th, 2005 to submit such statements.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jorge A. Plasencia, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2006.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

Christopher J. Hanley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2006.

Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France.

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Cape Verde.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Robert Johann Dieter, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Iraq.

Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Page S6784**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John G. Grimes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Wan J. Kim, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S6784**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas V. Skinner, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005. **Page S6784**

Messages From the House: **Page S6732**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—141) **Pages S6700, S6700–01**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 20, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6782.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MEETING THE HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF SENIORS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 705, to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, after receiving testimony from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Nelda Barnett, AARP, and William T. Smith, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, both of Washington, D.C.; Dana Jo Olson, Volunteers of America, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Stephen Proctor, Presbyterian Homes, Inc., Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Non Profit Housing Association; Terry Allton, National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio; and Steve Protulis, Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal legislative solutions to data breaches and identity theft, focusing on ensuring the safety and security of consumers' personal information, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Schumer; Representative Hooley; Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Orson Swindle, Thomas B. Leary, Pamela Jones Harbour, and Jon Leibowitz, all Commissioners, all of the Federal Trade Commission; and Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to

be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Allen, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, Energy Policy Tax Incentives Act of 2005.

U.S. STABILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States stabilization and reconstruction efforts to prevent or prepare for certain post-conflict situations, after receiving testimony from Carlos Pascual, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State; Ryan Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General Walter Sharp, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing to examine tax delinquency problems with Federal contractors, focusing on civilian agency contractors involved in abusive and potentially criminal activity related to the Federal tax system, receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Steven J. Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, all of the Government Accountability Office; and Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, both of the Department of the Treasury.

Hearing recessed subject to call.